PGI hospital at Karnal

689. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister had announced in April, 2006 at Panipat, Haryana that Government had decided to set up a P.G.I. Hospital on the lines of All India Institute of Medical Sciences at Karnal in the memory of Kalpana Chawla;

(b) if so, what is the status of the proposed hospital alongwith the details of the funds allocated for this purpose; and

(c) by when, the construction work of the hospital is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) It was announced that Government would find out a viable solution to establish a Medical College in the memory of Kalpna Chawla. Since the Government medical colleges are generally established by the State Governments, the Government of Haryana has been advised to prepare a model for a new medical institution focussing on research areas and postgraduate training in aviation medicine, high altitude medicine, etc., with the support of NASA.

At present there is no proposal for setting up of an AIIMS-like institution in Haryana since AIIMS, New Delhi and PGIMER, Chandigarh are already catering to the tertiary health care needs of the people of this region.

Shortage of durgs for paediatric antiretroviral treatment

690. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the national drive to provide free antiretroviral and anti-TB drugs to HIV affected children, the programme that was launched in December, 2006 in 82 ART centers across the country, have been put on adult dosages due to shortage of drugs;

(b) if so, whether 3050 HIV-positive children only are covered under this programme whereas the HIV-infected children in the country are 2,02,000 and the number of infected children being born every year are 56,700; and

(c) if so, what are the steps being taken to meet the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) (a) No, sir. Pediatric ARV drugs have been made available at all 127 ART centres of the country.